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SUB: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FOR INFORMATION ON PRISONERS IN  
NORTH VIETNAM

1. QUOTE BELOW IS THE FULL TEXT OF AN ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER  
10 EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE VIETNAM PRESS.

THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (AIO), HEADQUARTERED  
IN LONDON (BRITAIN), RECENTLY SOUGHT THE HELP OF THE VIETNAM  
COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (VCFR) IN SAIGON TO SEARCH FOR  
THOSE PRISONERS DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM.

IN ITS LETTER DATED JAN. 19, 1973 (SIC) WHICH HAS JUST REACHED  
THE VCFR, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALLY ASKED FOR THE  
IDENTIFICATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM SO AS TO STRUGGLE FOR THEIR LIBERATION.

IN A RECENT LETTER SENT TO THE RVN PRESIDENT AND THE  
MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OPEN ARMS SIGNED BY VCFR  
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SECRETARY GENERAL NGUYEN NGOC LINH, THE VCFR REQUESTED THE

AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DATA AND TANGIBLE EVIDENCES OF THE INHUMANITY AND CRUELTY OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE COUNCIL MADE KNOWN IT HAS PUSHED FORWARD THE COLLECTION OF NECESSARY JUSTIFICATIVE DOCUMENTS FOR THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, SPONSORED BY IMPORTANT FIGURES SUCH AS THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (BRITAIN), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE U.S. AND VARIOUS LEADERS IN EUROPE, AUSTRALIA AND AFRICA, ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE VCFR LONG AGO. SINCE 1970, THE VCFR HAS CORRESPONDED WITH THE AIO AND GIVEN DETAILS ON PRISONERS DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. COMMENT: ONE OF THE GVN'S QUARRELS WITH GROUPS LIKE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN THE PAST WAS THE LATTER'S TENDENCY TO IGNORE THE PLIGHT OF PRISONERS HELD BY THE COMMUNISTS. APPLING

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